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INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CCO-00 OPR-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 OMB-01

SAM-01 SAB-01 FSI-01 SCS-03 SCA-01 A-01 OC-05 SY-05

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6893

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, LE, US

SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMERICANS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 254985; STATE 255960

1. OFFICIAL DEPARTURES FROM EMBASSY THROUGH OCTOBER 28  
NUMBER 60 (INCLUDING 5 FSI STUDENTS AND 5 DEPENDENTS WHOSE  
EVACUATION ORDERS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE CHANGED TO TDY  
AT TUNIS). SEVEN OTHER ENROUTE TO POST HAVE BEEN  
ORDERED TO DELAY RETURN.

2. SCHEDULED DEPARTURES AS OF MORNING OCTOBER 29 NUMBER  
100 MORE.

3. IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPARTURES  
IN NON-GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY. CALLS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS  
CONFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT AT LEAST 70 PCT OF DEPENDENTS HAVE  
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LEFT OR WILL LEAVE IN NEXT 48 HOURS. NEW REGISTRANTS

OR RE-REGISTRANTS AS OF MORNING OCTOBER 29 TOTALLED  
1300 (MANY OF WHOM HAVE LEFT SINCE REGISTERING). ON  
THE OTHER HAND DIFFICULTIES OF COMMUNICATION IN LEBANON  
MAKE US DOUBT THAT ALL AMERICANS HAVE REGISTERED.  
THEREFORE WE WOULD ESTIMATE AS MANY AS 2,500 AMERICAN  
CITIZENS REMAIN IN THE LEBANON, THOUGH AT LEAST 1500  
ARE DUAL NATIONALS AND OTHERS WHO DO NOT WISH EVACUATION.

4. EMBASSY IS SCHEDULING DEPARTURE OF ADDITIONAL LESS-  
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL IN ORDERLY MANNER. WORD OF  
VOLUNTARY DEPARTURES HAS GOTTEN AROUND TO ENTIRE AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY. SOME PEOPLE LIVING IN NORTHERN SUBURBS OF  
BEIRUT, AS WELL AS OTHER MOUNTAIN AREAS AROUND THE CITY,  
PREFER TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND COULD NOT SAFELY BE MOVED  
TO ANY CENTRAL EVACUATION POINT AT THIS STAGE. NO  
EVIDENCE THAT EXODUS HAS REACHED PROPORTION BEYOND  
CAPABILITY OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINES TO HANDLE. MEA  
RUNNING SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO ATHENS. AIRPORT ACCESS STILL  
RELATIVELY EASY. WHILE PIECEMEAL REPORTS WILL CONTINUE  
(E.G. BEIRUT 13376, 13377, 13387, 13391) WE WILL KEEP  
YOU INFORMED OF OVERALL FIGURES AT LEAST DAILY.  
GODLEY

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